

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Developments in Mysore.

READ—

Government Order No. 2034-93—C. B. 103-22, dated the 18th October 1922, appointing a Committee to work out the details connected with the constitutional developments announced by the Dewan at the Representative Assembly Meeting, Dasara Session, 1922.

2. Government Order No. 3996-4045—C. B. 103-22, dated the 9th January 1923, directing, among other things, that the Report of the Committee be published on receipt and that the public be allowed a period of two months to consider the report and submit their representations to Government.

3. Letter No. 245, dated the 7th March 1923, from the Reforms Committee, submitting their Report.

ORDER No. 424-83—REG. 15-22-1, DATED 16TH APRIL 1923.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to publish the report submitted by the Committee appointed to work out the details relating to the constitutional developments announced by the Dewan at the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly, 1922. Printed copies of the report can be purchased from the Curator, Central Book Depot, Bangalore.

Representations on the proposals contained in the Committee's report will be received by Government up to the 16th June 1923, after which date the Government will proceed to a consideration of the report and the representations received thereon.

K. MATTHAN

Chief Secretary to Government.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Control of Bhadravati Iron Works.

ORDER No. I. C. 6174-86—I. W. 136-22-1, DATED 11TH APRIL 1923.

The construction of the Mysore Distillation and Iron Works at Bhadravati having been completed and manufacturing operations having commenced from the 18th January last, the time has arrived for revising the existing arrangements for the control of the works and developing new lines of work, so as to ensure economical operation on commercial lines for the future, including the disposal of the products of manufacture in an advantageous manner.

2. Under an agreement entered into between the Government and the Tata Iron and Steel Company, Limited, Bombay, 1917, that Company are Managing Agents of the undertaking—both in respect of the operation of the plant and the disposal of the products—subject to the control of a Board of Management—consisting of three members nominated by Government and two nominated by the Agents. Under the same agreement, the responsibility for the supply of Iron Ore and Flux, and fuel required for the works rests on Government, and the operations connected with this supply are important, involving as they do more than half the estimated annual outlay needed, with the concern working to its full capacity.

3. As a result of recent discussions and consultation with the Managing Agents in Bombay, and with their consent the Government have now decided to reconstitute the Board and make the further arrangements indicated below, which, while they are not intended to alter the relations of the Agents with the concern or affect their responsibility for its successful working or take away from them powers of initiative, are still expected on the one hand to render the control of the Board of Management on behalf of Government more effective and on the other, to secure closer co-operation between the two sections of the works, controlled by Government and the Managing Agents, respectively.

4. Sir M. Visvesvaraya has, at the invitation of Government, agreed to work as a nominee of Government on the Board of Management and he will be the Chairman of the Board. Mr. N. Madhava Rao, the present Secretary to the Board of Management, will continue as such and will also be a member of the Board with the designation of "Government Director". The name of the third member nominated by Government will be shortly announced. The full Board will meet ordinarily once a quarter either at Bhadravati or in Bombay, but an Executive Committee of the Board consisting of the Chairman, the Government Director and one of the Representatives of the Managing Agents, who will be in

constant and close communications with each other and with the Managing Agents, will ordinarily meet once a month or six weeks and deal with all questions that may arise or may be referred to them by the Managing Agents in the intervals between the quarterly meetings of the Board.

5. The Chairman of the Board will be vested with full and effective powers of control over the operation of all Government Departments responsible for any part of the undertaking, in respect of such responsibilities. The funds required for the operations according to the estimates, to be previously approved by the Government, will be placed at his disposal. He will visit Bhadravati generally once a month or oftener as he may deem necessary. The Government Director, who will be permanently stationed at Bhadravati, will act in subordination to him. Whenever the Managing Agents wish to refer to the Government any questions relating to the working of the undertaking, they will address the Chairman through the Government Director. The Government Director will, as Secretary to the Board, exercise vigilance over every section of the works and under the orders of the Chairman, take all necessary steps to ensure harmonious working and complete co-operation between the Government Departments concerned on the one hand, and the Managing Agents and the local operating staff on the other.

6. The Board will continue to effect reforms and do everything in its power to improve the commercial working of the enterprise, only such reforms as involve radical changes or fresh capital outlay being reported for the approval of Government.

7. Ordinarily the Government Director will be the medium of communication between the Government and the Board of Management.

T. E. JEYARAMA IYER,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Non-Official Member for the management of the Iron Works at Bhadravati.

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 6174-86—I. W. 136-22-1, dated 11th April 1923, sanctioning certain arrangement for the better control and management of the Iron Works at Bhadravati.

ORDER No. I. C. 6324-33—I. W. 136-22-2, DATED, 17TH APRIL 1923.

The Government are pleased to nominate Dewan Bahadur Rajasabhabhushana K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C. I. E., a member of the Board of Management of the Mysore Iron Works as reconstituted in para 4 of the Government Order read above.

T. E. JEYARAMA AIYAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Travelling Allowance Claims.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 5358-68—S. & A. 106-21-5, dated 27th May 1922, sanctioning the constitution of a Committee to examine the rules relating to travelling allowances and to suggest changes necessary to keep down expenditure on them.

2. Letter No. C. 3939, dated 28th July 1922, from K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A., Revenue Commissioner and Chairman of the Committee, submitting the recommendations of the Committee.

3. Para 2 (d) of Government Order No. Fl. 70-120—S. & A. 44-22-1, dated 7th October 1922, stating that separate orders would be passed providing for stricter scrutiny of road journeys in excess of a certain limit.

ORDER No. FL. 4829-78—S. & A. 16-22, DATED 18TH APRIL 1923.

Recorded.

2. All travelling allowance claims for road marches exceeding 50 miles a day should be submitted to Government for orders, fully explaining the necessity for such journeys.

3. In the case of an officer who is authorised to take his conveyance by rail and to charge trainage even when he takes it by road, only (1) road mileage, or (2) railway fare for the officer and freight for the conveyance, whichever is less, should be allowed.

4. Necessary addenda and corrigenda to Mysore Service Regulations will be issued.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.